

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel without prejudice claims 38-55 and 62-66.

Please amend claims 1, 6-7, 11, 15-16, and 21 as indicated below.

Please add new claims 67-75 as indicated below.

1. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus~~ A system comprising:
 - means for displaying a first list of reduced visual representations in a first track of a first display area, the first list of reduced visual representations including ~~of a plurality of~~ media objects ordered automatically in chronological order and grouped by media objects relating to one another;
 - means for recording an audio narration to be associated with at least one of the reduced visual representations, the recorded audio narration being displayed within a second display area different from the first display area;
 - means for displaying within the second display area an icon representing the recorded audio narration comprising a non-numeric, visual representation corresponding to a length of the audio narration;
 - means for displaying in a second track different from the first track within the first display area a second list of reduced visual representations of the plurality of media objects selected from the first list of reduced visual representation displayed in the first track of the first display area ~~ordered manually~~, the second list including one or more authored stories and each story having an audio narration associated with at least one of the reduced visual representations; and

means for displaying in a third track different from the first and second tracks within the first display area a third list of reduced visual representations selected from the first track, the third list of reduced visual representations representing a story being authored including associating one or more audio narrations with one or more reduced visual representations displayed within the third track

~~means for navigating among the reduced visual representations; and~~

~~means for displaying the plurality of media objects.~~

2. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the first list comprises imported stories, and the second list comprises authored stories.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the display means displays imported stories, the authored stories, and/or a representation for each associated audio clip or a selected object in the imported stories or the authored stories.

5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 4 further comprising means for displaying in a third display area different from the first and second display areas one of the reduced visual representations of the third track of the first display area, wherein the displayed visual representation is displayed in the third display area having a resolution larger than the corresponding reduced visual representation displayed in the third track of the first display area, and wherein the displayed visual representation in the third display area indicates a current visual representation being authored using at least one of the audio narrations

~~displayed in the second display area wherein the imported stories are displayed on a first track, and the authored stories are displayed on a second track and on a third track, the authored story on the third track being a story being created.~~

6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1 further comprising:
means for moving the authored story from the second track to the third track such that a user can edit the authored story; and
means for moving the authored story from the third track back to the second track once the user completes authoring.

7. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein means for displaying a first list of reduced visual representations of a plurality of media objects comprises means for displaying a series of audio files.

8. (Original) The system defined in Claim 7 wherein the audio files are from a group comprising MP3 files, Liquid Audio files, and RealJukebox files, WAV files, or other compressed or uncompressed audio file formats.

9. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein means for displaying a first list of reduced visual representations of a plurality of media objects comprises means for displaying a plurality of video clips.

10. (Original) The system defined in Claim 9 wherein the video clips are from a group comprising MPEG files, QuickTime files, AVI files, and RealVideo files.

11. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

~~displaying a first list of reduced visual representations of~~ in a first track of a first display area, the first list of reduced visual representations including a plurality of media objects ordered automatically in chronological order and grouped by media objects relating to one another;

recording an audio narration to be associated with at least one of the reduced visual representations, the recorded audio narration being displayed within a second display area different from the first display area;

displaying within the second display area an icon representing the recorded audio narration comprising a non-numeric, visual representation corresponding to a length of the audio narration;

displaying in a second track different from the first track within the first display area a second list of reduced visual representations of the plurality of media objects selected from the first list of reduced visual representation displayed in the first track of the first display area ~~ordered manually~~, the second list including one or more authored stories and each story having the audio narration associated with at least one of the reduced visual representations; and

displaying in a third track different from the first and second tracks within the first display area a third list of reduced visual representations selected from the first track, the third list of reduced visual representations representing a story being authored including associating one or more audio narrations with one or more reduced visual representations displayed within the third track

~~—navigating among the reduced visual representations; and~~

~~displaying the plurality of media objects.~~

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 wherein the first list comprises imported stories, and the second list comprises authored stories.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 wherein displaying the plurality of media objects comprises displaying imported stories, the authored stories, and/or a representation for each associated audio clip for a selected object in the imported stories or the authored stories.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14 further comprising displaying in a third display area different from the first and second display areas one of the reduced visual representations of the third track of the first display area, wherein the displayed visual representation is displayed in the third display area having a resolution larger than the corresponding reduced visual representation displayed in the third track of the first display area, and wherein the displayed visual representation in the third display area indicates a current visual representation being authored using at least one of the audio narrations displayed in the second display area~~wherein the imported stories are displayed on a first track, and the authored stories are displayed on a second track and on a third track, the authored story on the third track being a story under construction.~~

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 further comprising:

moving the authored story from the second track to the third track such that a user can edit the authored story; and
moving the authored story from the third track back to the second track once the user completes authoring.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 wherein displaying a first list of reduced visual representations of a plurality of media objects comprises displaying a series of audio files.

18. (Original) The method defined in Claim 17 wherein the audio files are from a group comprising MP3 files, Liquid Audio files, and RealJukebox files, WAV files, or other compressed or uncompressed audio file formats.

19. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein displaying a first list of reduced visual representations of a plurality of media objects comprises displaying a plurality of video clips.

20. (Original) The method defined in Claim 19 wherein the video clips are from a group comprising MPEG files, QuickTime files, AVI files, and RealVideo files.

21. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
a storage device having a plurality of stories, each story comprising a plurality of objects; and
a processor in communication with the storage device, the processor to:

display a first story track within a first display area ~~for~~ a plurality of imported stories which have objects automatically ordered in chronological order,

record an audio narration to be associated with at least one of the reduced visual representations;

display within a second display area different from the first display area an icon representing the recorded audio narration comprising a non-numeric, visual representation corresponding to a length of the audio narration;

display a second story track of the first display area different from the first story track for a plurality of authored stories including the recorded audio narration,

display a full size image of a selected object in the story in a third display area, the full size image representing the selected object being authored using at least one of the audio narrations displayed in the second display area,

process navigation input from a user, the navigation input comprising moving a track selection from one story track to another story track, moving an object selection from one object to another object, and

process operational input from the user, the operation input comprising playing the story, stopping recording or the playing, and saving the story.

22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21 wherein process operational input from the user further comprises recording a narration for the selected object.

23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21 wherein the processor is further operable to display a third story track for a story being constructed, and wherein the

navigation input further comprises adding an object to the third track, and removing an object from the third track.

24. (Original) The system of claim 21 wherein the processor is further operable to display a plurality of narrations associated with the selected object.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Original) The system of claim 21 further comprising an object input device to input new objects, the new objects comprising imported stories, digital photographs, video clips, pages of documents, presentation slides, audio clips, and web pages.

27. (Original) The system of claim 21 further comprising a docking cradle for communication and an output device to send a story to a recipient's email address in the form of email attachment.

28. (Original) The system of claim 27 further comprising sending the story to a web server, assigning unique URL to the story, and sending the URL to the recipient by email.

29. (Original) The system of claim 21 further comprising a recording device to record a narration for the audio clip, the recording device being one of a group comprising voice activated recording and microphone recording.

30. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21 wherein the selected object is in one or more stories and has one or more associated audio clips, each audio clip is associated with one story, and each audio clip has zero or one narration.

31. (Original) The system of claim 21 wherein displaying an audio clip comprises displaying all audio clips associated with the selected object, and wherein the audio clip associated with the story is displayed as a current audio clip, the current audio clip is played before all other audio clips.

32. (Original) The system of claim 21 wherein the story under construction in the third story track is placed at the end of the second story track when the construction is completed and wherein the story is saved in the storage device.

33. (Original) The system of claim 32 further comprising grouping objects in the third story track and recording a narration for each object, and wherein saving the story comprises saving the objects and the associated audio clips.

34. (Original) The system of claim 32 wherein the story and the associated objects are saved as files in the storage device using a markup language format.

35. (Original) The system of claim 34 wherein the markup language format comprises HTML, SMIL, or XML.

36. (Original) The system of claim 21 wherein playing the story comprises

selecting a story from the first track, from the second track, or from the third track
using the navigation input,
activating a play operation, and
viewing the full size image corresponding to each of the plurality of objects in the
selected story.

37. (Original) The system of claim 36 wherein viewing the image comprises
selecting the objects in the story in a sequence, wherein the sequence is from
beginning of the story to end of the story, and
playing the audio clip corresponding to the selected object.

38. – 55. (Canceled)

56. (Original) The system of claim 21 further comprising a pointing device configured to
enable the user to perform track selection, object selection, and moving of the selected object
from one track to another track, the pointing device being one from a group comprising a
mouse, an external joy stick, a voice activated control device, a touch screen, a track pad, and
a cursor control device.

57. (Original) The system of claim 21 further comprising an attached video camera, the
video camera used to add new objects to the first track.

58. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21 wherein the objects in the first track, the second track and the third track are displayed as thumbnail images or in reduced representation of the corresponding objects.

59. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58 wherein a first thumbnail image for each story is used to represent the corresponding story when the tracks are configured to display in collapsed form.

60. (Original) The system of claim 21 wherein moving the object selection from one object to another object comprises displaying the thumbnail images in high resolution if the movement is in standard speed and displaying the thumbnail images in low resolution if the movement is in high speed.

61. (Original) The system of claim 60 further comprising not displaying the thumbnail image and the associated audio clips when the movement is in high speed.

62. – 66. (Canceled)

67. (New) A machine-readable medium having executable code to cause a machine to perform a method, the method comprising:

displaying a first list of reduced visual representations in a first track of a first display area, the first list of reduced visual representations including a plurality of media objects ordered automatically in chronological order and grouped by media objects relating to one another;

recording an audio narration to be associated with at least one of the reduced visual representations, the recorded audio narration being displayed within a second display area different from the first display area;

displaying within the second display area an icon representing the recorded audio narration comprising a non-numeric, visual representation corresponding to a length of the audio narration;

displaying in a second track different from the first track within the first display area a second list of reduced visual representations of the plurality of media objects selected from the first list of reduced visual representation displayed in the first track of the first display area, the second list including one or more authored stories and each story having the audio narration associated with at least one of the reduced visual representations; and

displaying in a third track different from the first and second tracks within the first display area a third list of reduced visual representations selected from the first track, the third list of reduced visual representations representing a story being authored including associating one or more audio narrations with one or more reduced visual representations displayed within the third track.

68. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 67 wherein the first list comprises imported stories, and the second list comprises authored stories.

69. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 67 wherein displaying the plurality of media objects comprises displaying imported stories, the authored stories, and/or a representation for each associated audio clip for a selected object in the imported stories or the authored stories.

70. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 69 wherein the method further comprises displaying in a third display area different from the first and second display areas one of the reduced visual representations of the third track of the first display area, wherein the displayed visual representation is displayed in the third display area having a resolution larger than the corresponding reduced visual representation displayed in the third track of the first display area, and wherein the displayed visual representation in the third display area indicates a current visual representation being authored using at least one of the audio narrations displayed in the second display area.

71. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 67 wherein the method further comprises:

moving the authored story from the second track to the third track such that a user can edit the authored story; and

moving the authored story from the third track back to the second track once the user completes authoring.

72. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 67 wherein displaying a first list of reduced visual representations of a plurality of media objects comprises displaying a series of audio files.

73. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 72 wherein the audio files are from a group comprising MP3 files, Liquid Audio files, and RealJukebox files, WAV files, or other compressed or uncompressed audio file formats.

74. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 67 wherein displaying a first list of reduced visual representations of a plurality of media objects comprises displaying a plurality of video clips.

75. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 74 wherein the video clips are from a group comprising MPEG files, QuickTime files, AVI files, and RealVideo files.